

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 814
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sandra Altizer upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sandra Altizer is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Altizer has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Meadowview Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding 29-year tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Altizer will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as a seventh-grade English teacher and as the Chair of the English Department at Meadowview, Sandra Altizer holds a Master of Administration and Supervision degree from East Tennessee State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Emory and Henry College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Altizer is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, at Meadowview, Ms. Altizer chairs the School Improvement Committee, sponsors the 4-H Club, and also sponsors the Junior Beta Club, which she co-founded; and

WHEREAS, a Career Ladder III teacher, she meets the requirements of being highly qualified under the "No Child Left Behind" initiative; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Altizer truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; during her career, she has served as a mentor to eight student teachers and attended many inservice education workshops such as the 6-Trait, Learning Focused Schools, and Learning Focused Writing; and

WHEREAS, a member of the First Methodist Church, Sandra Altizer sings in the Chancel Choir; she previously served as Chair of the Higher Education Committee, a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Council of Ministries, and a member of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to her community, Ms. Altizer is a former member, president, and vice president of the Junior Reading Circle; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Sandra Altizer should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Sandra Altizer on being chosen as Meadowview Middle School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, wish her luck, and all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.